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providing financial assistance to

Distribution of Respondents

completed the questionnaire. Thirty-

mine per cent of the respondents

lived in single-family homes 33%

in G.H.I. homes, 25% in apartments,

and 3% in condominiums. Since

more than 60% of the adult resi-

dents of voting age live in apart-

ments and since more residents

live in G.H.I. .homes than in single-

family homes, it is obvious that the

questionnaire results give too much

weight to the opinions of single-

family residents and too little to

apartment residents However, the

results do accurately reflect the op-

inions of those residents who are

sufficiently interested in the com-

munity to participate in the city

election and to take the time to fill

City of Greenbelt

Maryland

**AGENDA** 

Regular Meeting of

City Council

Monday, January 7, 1974

8:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to

Councilmen and Manager

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out the questionnaire.

Only 6.4% of the city's population

low income families for day care.

Thursday, January 3, 1974

WSSC Claims Sewer

Rules Too Stringent

## RESULTS OF CITY QUESTIONNAIRE AS BROKEN DOWN BY PRECINCTS

A detailed breakdown of results of the questionnaire completed by voters at the September city election show some differences between the various precincts and residential areas in voter attitudes, the city manager's office reported, but in general, the differences are slight. Results have been tabulated by each preanct and within the precinct by residency in G.H.I., single-family homes, apartments, and condominiums (Center precinct only). only ones not to favor the city's

Government and Services In general, Springhill Lake residents tended to rate the governments and services lower than did the other residents. Of the major areas of response, the north-end single-family residents tended to rate services highest. Center precinct single-family residents, on the other hand, rated the government's and services lower. Interestingly, the reverse was true with G.H.I. residents, with center precinct residents giving higher ratings than north-end residents.

All areas rated the city government higher than the other governments. The single-family residents (both precincts) rated the county government below the federal government, the lowest rated government citywide.

Fire and rescue services were rated highest in all areas. Police was second highest rated, except that Springhill Lake residents liked park maintenance very slightly bet-Youth counseling service was rated lowest in general G.H.I. north-end residents, however, rated playground maintenance lower.

### Expenditure Levels

Lake residents were more willing to expend money to improve city facilities and services than other areas. A majority favored increasing expenditures for each service or facility except street and sidewalk maintenance. Singlefamily residents were least inclined to spend more funds. A majority of north-end single-family home residents were willing to increase expenditures only for the purchase of park land and youth counseling. A majority of center precinct singlefamily home residents added to the north-end list park improvements and park maintenance. Although still very much a minority, the greatest support for expenditure reductions came from the center precincts single-family residents.

### New Facilities and Services

Single-family residents were somewhat less in favor of new facilities than residents of other Springhill Lake residents varied significantly from the thinking of other residents by a majority supporting an artificial ice rink and an indoor swimming pool. These two facilities were not favored nearly so much in other areas of the city.

### Day Care

The single-family home residents (particularly in the north end) favored the Ridge Road Center being used as a recreation center. The strongest support for the building's use as a day care center came from Springhill Lake with G.H.I. northend residents also supporting day care. All areas favored a non-profit day care operation and operation by a private organization. The northend single-family residents were most inclined towards it being operated so as to provide the city with income (43%). The north-end single-family residents were the

### WHAT GOES ON

Thursday, Jan. 3, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Cares Information Meeting, Meeting Room, Municipal Bldg.

Monday, Jan. 7, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Council Chambers.

Thurs., Jan. 10, 7:45 Woman's Club, Meeting Room, Library.

### by Sandra Barnes and Elaine Skolnik

The Washington Suburban Samitary Commission has delayed signing the discharge permit for the Greenbriar package sewage treatment plant. At its December 19 meeting, the commission still had several reservations concerning the operation of the plant. As a result it will discuss the issue further, probably at its meeting on January 19, possibly at its January 9 meeting. The Maryland Dept. of Water Resources has already signed the permit, which the WSSC must also

Basically, WSSC refused to sign the permit because it felt Water Resources had placed too stringent requirements for the operation of the plant. (WSSC will operate the plant at the developer's, Alan Kay's' expense). The language of the permit would require WSSC to maintain a perfect operation at all WSSC's chief engineer, James Stapp, indicated that "The criteria in the permit are very restrictive . . . considering changes of temperature, quantity of effluent and other things that must be considered; we'd almost have to operate it perfectly every hour of every day to meet those criteria."

WSSC is considering running some tests at the Landover Mall sewage plant, which in some ways would be comparable to the Greenbriar plant.

### Fail-Safe

A spokesman for Water Resources, Dr. Chin, maintained that the plant meets all of the state's requirements and that he has been assured the plant is fail-safe. Based on the kind of system being built, it should work as the developer says it will, Chin commented.

At the hearing, Richard Schifter, attorney for Kay, pointed out that in the beginning only 50 units will be hooked up to the plant so that adequate testing time will be available if problems do occur. The system can easily handle recycling of sewage if necessary, he said. We might also truck sewage in to test the plant, he commented.

Save Our Community spokesman, Thomas White, read his organization's main objections to the plant: pending legal action by the county, a question of whether a sewage treatment plant can be located in a residential zone, lack of an easement for the discharge pipeline on Federal land, issuance of an environmental impact statement, possible violations to the city of belt's water pollution ordinance.

He presented the commission with letters from other citizens' groups urging WSSC to refuse to sign the permit.

### Solomon Speaks

Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, Dr. Neil Solomon, stated that "Once a State discharge permit is received the issuance of a construction permit is purely an administrative matter because the Department's Environmental Health Administration engineers have already viewed plans for the proposed plant, and have concluded that it is one of the most sophisticated designs they ever examined.

"It must be understood," Dr. Solomon explained, "that the role here of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is strictly concerned with matters of public health, and not with local issues of zoning or other land use mat-

"The Department has fulfilled its responsibility," he said, "to make absolutely certain in this case that the treatment plant is properly designed and that the effluent is of high quality," he concluded.

# GHI Boilers: Subject Heats Up

by Miriam Cornelius

The last meeting of the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for 1973 was held on December 27, with six directors present. Of these, only President Jim Smith and Director Steve Polaschik had attended the previous meeting, on December 13. Directors Byerly, O'Donnell, Weyel, and White were at the December 27 meeting, but were absent on December 13. Directors Comproni, Nelson, and Volk, who attended the December 13 session, were absent on December 27. This created a situation where it was possible for the board to override on December 27 actions taken at the previous meeting, and during most of a stormy session this seemed likely to occur.

O'Donnell opened fire with a blast against the vote taken on December 17 (when he was absent) to obtain bids on installing variable temperature controls in a small sample of the brick homes. He construed this action as limiting the modernization program to a 9plant project and receding from the affirmative action program presented to the owner-members at the December 5 membership meeting. O'Donnell's view was that the membership wanted the board to make a start on the affirmative action program and come back in April with a progress report, firm cost estimates, and a request (if justified) for additional funds. He charged that the chair had thrown out from the motions the requirement to report back in April by ruling it not germane.

The affirmative action program, O'Donnell asserted, would pay for itself through reducing the consumption of fuel oil and through relieving the maintenance crew of part of its work load. If all 135 brick plants were converted during the first quarter of 1974, he predicted, it would cut fuel oil consumption by 15 percent for the Converting only 9 or 10 plants, he said, would negate the entire program and accomplish nothing; moreover, the estimate of \$800 per plant, which was reasonable on the basis of 100 plants at present prices, would not be reasonable for a sample of 10 plants.

White also thought the board action showed a tendency to back down on the affirmative action program. The board should get to work on the outrageous heating costs, he urged. He favored going ahead as far as funds allow, scheduling extra board sessions on energy conservation if needed, soliciting ideas from GHI staff, and improving communication with members.

Smith agreed to the need for communication, but was firmly opposed to calling for bids on the whole job without knowing where the money would come from. It is not proper, he said, to call for bids unless the intention is to examine them, select one, and sign a contract on it. The board has at present no authority, he insisted, to call for bids on 135 units, in view of the membership action in refusing the funds.

To this, O'Donnell replied angrily that it is the manager's responsibility to go out and obtain financing - from federal or state funds, bank loans, or wherever available. He added that costs are continuing to rise, making it harder to convert in

Roland Miller, a visiting member, agreed with O'Donnell on the timing, saving that if a contract is not signed soon, bidders will get started on other jobs and GHI will not be able to get going for another year. He recommended asking for bids priced out in stacks of 10 units, including delivery schedule, so GHI can compare unit costs on the whole job with costs on samples of varying size.

Byerly, who had been looking for a proposal which would reconcile the opposing views, seized on Miller's suggestion and ended the discussion with a motion which he considered not to be inconsistent with the action taken at the previous meeting. His motion directing the manager to request bids on variable temperature controls for the brick plants in increments of 10 to a total of 135, including delivery schedules, was adopted by the

### Other Actions

Earlier in the evening the board had disposed of the two substantive items on the agenda by accepting a rental contract for the use of certain fabricating and welding equipment owned by an employee

and located in Baltimore; and by directing management to have the director of maintenance get in direct contact with the state boiler inspector in order to clarify the specifications, especially the dimensions of boiler doors.

### Latest Development on Greenbrian

White reported that WSSC has deferred action until January 16 on the Water Resources Administration decision to issue a permit to Greenbriar for discharge of effluent. White suggested that before that date GHI could communicate with the WRA, asking for their reasons for issuing the permit and requesting reconsideration. White also wanted GHI to send a letter to WSSC reaffirming GHI's objections and pointing out that the matter of the NASA right of way is not settled. The board authorized the executive committee to assist management in drafting communications to WSSC, NASA, and WRA, along the lines White recommended.

### Schools Begin Later

Prince Georges County schools starting Jan. 7, will begin one-half hour later, for children in the morning kindergarten and pupils in grades 1 through 12. Afternoon kindergarten will begin 15 minutes

There will be no change in the time when the school day ends except for morning kindergarten sessions, which will be dismissed 15 minutes later than usual.

The decision to delay school openings by 30 minutes, due to daylight saving time, was made so that children would not have to stand in the dark while waiting for buses.

If and when a decision is made to return to the six and one-half hour length school day, at least two weeks notice will be given to the public.

### A REMINDER

Daylight saving time becomes official as of 2 a.m. Sunday, Jan-

### City Employee Award

City Manager James K. Giese has announced plans for the Second Annual Outstanding City Employee Award. All city employees are eligible. The award consists of a \$100 Savings Bond and an inscribed wall plaque.

City Council will select the winner. Basis for selection will be the employee's overall work record with the city and, in particular, his record with the city during the past While a particular event or heroic feat will be considered, the employee's general work record is of prime importance.

Any citizen or employee may nominate one or more employees for the award. Nomination forms are available at the city offices or the nomination may be submitted in writing to the city manager's office. All nominations must be accompanied by reasons why the nominee deserves the award. Deadline for submitting nominations is January

The winner will be announced at a banquet to be held this winter.

Previous winners of this award were Norman F. (Buck). Powell, Public Works Foreman and an 18year veteran of the Public Works Department, and Betty R. Lehman. Recreation Department Secretary who has 8 years' service with the

### Planned Parenthood **Needs Volunteers**

Drug Program

Planning Board

Planned Parenthood of Prince Georges County announces a volunteer orientation Wed., Jan. 9, 9:30 a..m, at the chapter office, 5101 Pierce Avenue No. 2, College Park. Volunteers may serve as receptionists, educators, maternity hospital visitors, speakers, or in a variety of clinic and at-home roles. All receive training and are placed as near as possible to their homes.

For further information call 345-

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# From Medical Practice

by Sandra Barnes

"The things I did were the things every other doctor did," Dr. Hans Wodak commented matter-of-factly on his 30 years of professional service to the community of Greenbelt.

It was September 1, 1944, when Dr. Wodak came to Greenbelt as a member of the Greenbelt Health Association. A native of Czechoslovakia, he received his medical education at the University of Prague. After four years of general practice in Prague he served for two years as assistant physician and then for seven years as chief of staff at one of the foremost European hospitals for internal and nervous diseases.

As Hitler's army approached Czechoslovakia, Dr. Wodak fled the country, arriving in New York. where he spent 18 months at Columbia University learning English. Several years later, his wife, Elly, was able to follow him to this coun-

### Arrives in Greenbelt

In March 1941, he joined the staff of the Springfield State Hospital in Sykesville, where he remained until he came to Greenbelt.

When Dr. Wodak joined the Health Association, it had several hundred members, He and Dr. William Eisner served them all until 1947, when they went into partnership, occupying space at the old medical building at 30 Ridge Road. When the Health Association closed up in 1952, Wodak was able to increase the size of his quarters. Later Dr. Eisner left to start his own practice and Dr. Wodak worked by himself, seeing 40-50 patients a day. "I treated them for everything I knew," he commented. He has delivered hundreds of babies over the years, giving up obstetrics only four years ago. He worked 12 hours a day, making 10-20 house calls daily. "But it was a different kind of medicine then," observed Mrs. Wodak. "It is much better today for the patient to come to the doctor's office where so many things are available Xray machines and laboratory facilities. A doctor cannot carry everything in his little

black bag." In 1957, as his workload increased, Dr. Wodak and Dr. William Weintraub became partners, moving their offices to the then new apartments on Parkway, behind the Co-op Super Market. They remained there until 1964, when, along with Drs. Till Bergemann and Dr. Moody, they built the Professional Building at the Center Mall.

Finding it impossible to just reduce his work load as he approached retirement, Dr. Wodak stopped seeing patients in October, but he still goes to the office every day to handle business matters. He and his wife plan to visit relatives in Australia in February or March. He wanted to retire, but "I am worried about doing nothing." he says.

Dr. Wodak has shunned any public demonstration of the affection and high regard many Greenbelters hold toward him. They say he was never interested in politics, but dedicated himself entirely to the health and welfare of all those who sought his services. He wants no special reception, he seeks no plaques nor medals - so for 30 years of dedicated service his honor lies in the hearts of those who respectfully call him "doctor" and lovingly call him "friend."

(Note: My apologies to Dr. Wodak for being unable to keep this article as short as he had nequested. S.B.)

### Dr. Hans Wodak Retires City Refuse Services Receive High Rating

According to responses to a questionnaire sent out to city residential customers, the city refuse collection service was rated high. In most instances residents reported that they had no problems with the service and generally favored continuing the present schedule, including the mandatory separation of newspapers.

More than 60% of the singlefamily homes and more than 30% of the G.H.I. homes returned the questionnaire (overall 30% return).

Special trash was rated in "Excellent Minus" and rated almost as high as the city's voters rated fire and rescue service. Newspaper collections and regular trash collections were rated "Good Plus," with regular trash collections receiving the lowest score. G.H.I. residents liked regular trash service a little better, newspaper collections about the same, and special trash a little less than the free-standing homeowners Only 4% of the respondents rated the regular trash service as "Poor," and only 2% rated the other services that way.

Concerning the list of complaints on the questionnaire, the residents complained most about refuse being spilled. Fifty-six per cent reported that this happened frequently or occasionally. Spilled trash is usually caused by either the collectors overfilling their collection containers or by the resident not properly bagging or packaging his trash.

The next most frequent complaint was that of missed pickups for regular trash service. Of the 40% who listed this as a problem, however, only 5% reported it to be a frequent problem.

Damage to property resulting from shortcutting, dragging containers, leaving gates open, etc. was the next greatest problem, with 29% indicating that this occurred occasionally or frequently. Other complaints made by at least one out of four respondents were partial pickup or regular trash and missed pickup of newspapers.

Two out of every three respondents favored continuing the present service, including the mandatory separation of newspapers. Only 9% favored returning to the threetimes-a-week schedule with voluntary collection of newspapers, and just 3% favored three-times-a-week service without newspaper collections.. Somewhat larger percentages favored a lesser service, with 16% supporting twice-a-week collection with voluntary newspaper recycling and 4% supporting twicea-week collection without paper

### Rabbi Atkins Officiates At Special JCC Services

Rabbi Gary Atkins, senior student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, will officiate at the Sabbath services on Sat., Jan. 5 at the Mishkan Torah synagogue (Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County). The service begins at 9:30 a.m. and will include the Bar Mitzvah of Anthony (Tony) Becker, son of Myron and Evelyn Becker of Greenbelt. A Bar Mitzvah social will follow over refreshments.

Rabbi Atkins will also officiate at Friday night services, starting at 8:30 p.m. That day - Friday the is considered a fasting day in the Jewish calendar. It marks the beginning of the Babylonian, siege of Jerusalem described in the scriptures, a siege which ended with the destruction of the city and of its temple.

### St. Hugh's CYO News

The Junior boys team started their basketball season the day after Christmas, accepting an invitation to play in the "DeMatha Holiday Tourney." They played St .Jeromes of Hyattsville, who had a much taller team, and beat St. Hugh's

Mike O'Driscoll was high scorer for St .Hugh's with 13 points and Gene Kelleher scored 6. The other boys and girls teams are all getting in shape for the upcoming season, which starts the first weekend in

There is a track meet scheduled for Friday, Jan. 11 at the Cole Field House on the University of Maryland campus. Although track season will not start until spring, the coach, Larry Noel, is looking for four boys and girls to compete in a four lap relay race with each member running 160 yards. If interested. please contact Noel, 474-9362.

### Boys-Girls Club News

The boys 16 and under basketball team coached by Bob Bicknell beat a Hyattsville team 47 to 39 to win the championship of the Langley Park Christmas Tournament Sat., Dec. 29. Leading the way were Mark Weiss with 14 points followed by Robert Hawk and Mike At-

The schedule for Jan. 7 through 12 to be played at the Youth Center

Mon. girls 11 yr. and under, vs. College Park, 6 p.m. to open season. Tues., Boys 10 and under, vs. Berwyn Heights, 6 p.m.; boys 11 and under, vs. Berwyn Heights, 7 p.m.; girls 15 and under, vs. Adelphi, 8 p.m.; boys 17 and under, vs. Bladensburg-Edmonston, 9 p.m.

Thurs., boys 15 and under, vs. Beltsville, 6 pm.; boys 16 and under. vs District Heights, 7 p.m.; boys 18 and under, vs. Cheverly, 8 p.m. Sat., boys 10 and under, vs. Glenarden, 11 am.; boys 11 and under, vs. Glenarden, 12 noon; boys 13 and under, vs. Cheverly, 1 p.m.

All Club members signed up for the intramural program will meet Sat., Jan. 5, 11 a.m at the Youth Center

Next Board of Directors meeting of the Boys and Girls Club, Tues., Jan. 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Youth Center.

### Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club of Greenbelt will meet Thursday, Jan. 10 in the meeting room of the library at 7:45 p.m. Dr. Frank Goodwyn, professor at the University of Maryland, will give a program on Spanish and Portuguese Culture, which he will demonstrate, with folk music on the guitar. All interested in this type of entertainment are cordially invited to join the group for this

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One course is aimed at beginners. It will start with the Hebrew alphabet and will be given by Mrs. Rina Shmerl. The other course, held at the same time, will be taught by Mrs. Dinah Wolloch, and will concentrate on conversational Hebrew. It will use methods and texts developed in Israel.

To enroll in either course, students are asked to come to the first session. Details can be obtained by calling the synagogue office, 474 4223, or Dr. David Stern (evenings)

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During the course of their work the two workmen reported that they had found 192 faucet leaks and five radiator leaks of such magnitude that it was noticeable to them while they were in the home. These leaks have been reported.

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# Our Neighbors

Katherine Keene, 6-H Hillside, is recuperating at home after undergoing surgery at Prince Georges Hospital. We wish her well.

Howard and Pat Savage and family, 2-G Southway, had as guests for the holidays Howard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cutler Savage of Brookfield, Wisconsin.

A speedy recovery to Pearl Rod--F Plateau Pl., who had major surgery.



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by Punchin' Judy

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Yes, press agents handle all kinds of commercial properties, but they are probably best known for their work in the entertainment world. Many a starlet owes her meteoric rise to publicity rather than talent. Just lately I have become convinced that starlets are not the only heavenly bodies to have press agents. As Exhibit A, I give you Comet Kohoutek.

Up in the sky, look, it's a planet, it's a satellite, no, it's an airplane, but where is the well-publicized wonder, the comet which is supposed to make Halley's look like a fading 40 watt bulb?

About ten years ago, the entire sixth grade at Center School turned out before daybreak for a comet watch. The heavenly visitor proved to be bashful and refused to reveal itself to all those eager young eyes. A few nights later we saw a smudge in the sky, which may have been our elusive target

And then, about three years ago, a tiny article in the paper informed us about Comet Bennett. By this time we were rather disillusioned on the subject But the paper said Bennett wouldn't be seen again for five or six thousand years, and since we couldn't be sure we'd be around at that time, we thought we'd better take a look.

Our alarm clock set for 4:30 a.m., we went to bed with binoculars at our side At the appointed time. we rubbed our eyes and debated sleepily whether it was worth getting out of our comfortable beds to look at a smudge in the sky through field glasses. Curiosity won, and we trooped outside. Smudge! Binoculars! Jumping Jupiter! Comet Bennett was brilliantly displayed across a large part of the heavens. In our excitement we started pounding on every door of our court. Neighbors came pouring out in pajamas and curlers. In spite of the unreasonable hour, nobody got angry at us. For one thing the sight was so spectacular, for another nothing we do ever surprises our neighbors

Comet Bennett appeared for repeat performances for many nights. but, except for our friends and neighbors, nobody seems to know of its existence. Which leads me back to my original premise. Bennett just didn't have a good press agent: Kohoutek does. Hey, I wonder who is doing the publicity. With publicity like that I bet I could be as well known as Sam Levinson or Jean Kerr or Art Buch-

Personally, I hope that Kohoutek doesn't turn out to be just a press agent's dream. It would be disheartening to start out the year with a fizzle! So to all my friends in Greenbelt, here's wishing you a comet that's a wondrous sight, and a year that is peaceful and happy and bright.



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### ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CABLE TELEVISION

The City Council is seeking resumes from persons interested in serving on an Advisory Committee on Cable Television. A thorough study of the city's role in franchising, regulating, and utilizing cable television systems is deemed desirable by the Council, and this committee shall investigate and study all the factors involved in the application of existing cable television technology to benefit citizens of Greenbelt.

Any Greenbelt resident interested in serving on such a committee may submit a resume to the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, or call the City Offices, 474-8003 for further

Gudrun H. Mills, City Clerk

### **Recreation Review**

Boys' Club Equipment Turn-In The Equipment Room at the Youth Center will be open to receive football and/or soccer uniforms Thursday. Jan. 3, from 7-10

Men's 'B' League

Action in the Men's 'B' League Basketball begins this Sunday, Jan. 6, 5 p.m. at the Youth Center. This year, 10 teams are competing in this Round Robin Tournament. All games will be played at the Youth Center on Sundays from 5 - 9 p.m. 'Over the Hill' League

A basketball league for men 30 years and over is presently being organized by the Recreation Department. Games will be played at the Youth Center on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. No franchise fee will be charged. If interested in playing, sign up at the Youth Center or call 474-6878, Monday thru Friday from 9-5 p.m.

Recreation Winter Registration

Registration for the Recreation Department's winter classes will be held at the Youth Center Monday, Jan. 14; Tuesday, Jan. 15 and at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Jan. 16.. Brochures listing all the activities and programs will be available at the Youth Center during the week of Jan 7.

### **PGCC Extension Course**

David P. James, Director of Extension Centers PGCC, announces that spring registration, for over 175 collegiate credit offerings, will be held at Greenbelt Jr. High School - January 10, 7-8:30 p.m. and Parkdale High School - Janua ry 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

People may register on the above dates for any Extension Center

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For further information, call PGCC Office of Extension Centers, 336-6000, ext 418.



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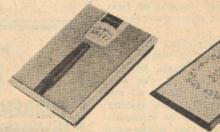
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